

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This case has been carefully reviewed and analyzed, and reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 5 were originally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wojnarowski et al. (US-5,108,825).

In addition, claims 7-14 were originally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wojnarowski et al. in view of Pluymmer et al. (US-5,945,897).

However, the Examiner has pointed out that claim 3 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In addition, the Examiner has also pointed out that claim 4 is allowed.

Responsive to this, claim 3 is deleted, and claim 1 is amended which is substantially the combination of original claims 1 and 3 so as to make the claimed invention more distinguishably patentable over the prior art references cited by the Examiner.

Accordingly, by the amendments, it is believed that the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) should be withdrawn, and the amended claim 1 should be allowable.

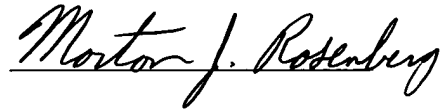
In addition, claim 4 is allowed.

In addition, claims 5-14 are deleted.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that the application is now in a condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. If any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, he is urged to contact Applicant's attorney at the exchange listed below.

This Amendment has been prepared by Applicant and is being filed by the undersigned attorney on Applicant's behalf.

Respectfully submitted,

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